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## FLED TO D. C. TO ESCAPE HUSBAND

"Mystrey Bride" Back With Parents in New York After Supporting Herself Here.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. Dorothy Keaton Vickers, bride of three days, who vanished from her home several months ago, was cleared up yesterday. She was found through a telegram she sent her father, Andrew Keaton, a contractor, from Atlanta, Ga., last week, asking for carfare. Mr. Keaton went immediately to Atlanta and returned with her Sunday evening.

Mrs. Vickers refused to talk yesterday, saying she was fatigued. There is some discrepancy between the story of her adventures as related by her father and as told in advices from Atlanta.

It appears the girl left home voluntarily three days after the civil ceremony of her marriage to George Vickers and a few days before the time set for the church ceremony, because she did not love him and did not wish to live with him. She had married him, she said, because her parents wished it. Mr. Keaton said yesterday Mrs. Vickers had not seen her husband since her return, and that it was "strictly up to her" whether she would go on with the marriage.

According to her father, the girl, who was only sixteen years old at the time of her flight, borrowed \$25 from a friend and went first to Washington, where she obtained work in a department store. She traveled to Virginia and thence to Jacksonville, New Orleans and Atlanta. She worked as telephone operator and as department store clerk and appeared with traveling shows in feats on horseback riding, at which she is an expert. In Atlanta she used several different names to conceal her identity from her parents and her husband. "Dorothy King" was one of them; "Dorothy Brown" another.

MRS. CHAYA MENKES, wife of an American citizen, is being held at Ellis Island because of a false visa on her passport. Mrs. Menkes lived in Galicia during the war. One of her daughters was killed by the Polish soldiers, Mrs. Menkes said, and she had to bake bread for nine armies to support herself.



## NEW 30-MAN PLANE OFFERED U. S. ARMY

War Department in Conference on Machine Said to Rival Giant Caproni.

High officials of the War Department have been in conference for several days with producers of a new thirty-passenger airplane, which the Government may adopt for its air forces, it became known today. The design is now undergoing tests at the Bureau of Standards following unofficial tests at various scientific institutions all over the country.

If final tests are satisfactory, it is stated, the War Department is considering the construction of a number of planes which will form a battery of the air, capable of long-distance flights, heavy armament and great destructive power.

The machine is the creation of a number of noted American engineers, many of whom helped in the designing of America's war-time air engines. It is backed privately by Pacific coast financiers. Representatives of these men stated that the Japanese government has offered \$1,000,000 for the plane alone.

Those backing the machine are W. A. Heltman and C. H. Avey, Los Angeles, and Oliver K. Jeffery, J. G. Richardson and J. D. Hill, of Portland. Jeffery has been in conference with Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher, of the Army Air Service; Dr. Samuel Stratton, Bureau of Standards, and Capt. W. A. Moffett, Navy Department.

The new airplane is said to be the largest ever constructed in this country and is a rival of the Italian Caproni, although only half the weight of the latter. It is said to travel at the rate of 115 miles an hour, with a fuel capacity of 1,500 gallons. The makers say it can make a non-stop cross-continent flight in 18½ hours. While designed primarily for commercial uses, the new plane, when adapted for military use, can carry a load of the latest type bombs, and also can mount six machine guns.

## ICEBERGS MENACE PATH OF WESTBOUND LINERS

NEW YORK, April 13.—A special warning against icebergs, reported as only thirty miles from the track of westbound trans-Atlantic steamers into New York, was issued here by the United States Hydrographic Office. The warning, as sent out by Rear Admiral L. H. Chandler, in charge of the office, reads:

"Many icebergs only thirty miles from the westbound track to New York involving great danger to shipping unless tracks be shifted to southward immediately. Urgent steamship companies to accept previous recommendation from Hydrographic Office that they shift tracks sixty miles to southward without further delay."

## SOCIETY GIRL PICKS COWBOY FOR HUSBAND

PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—Who is Buster Estes? When the news that Frances S. Mears, prominent society girl, had been married to a cowboy named Buster Estes reached this city, Philadelphia society folk gasped. The ceremony was performed at Jackson's Hole, Wyoming, on March 29, where the young couple are now spending their honeymoon on the bridegroom's ranch.

According to Dr. Hardey J. Butte, of this city, the cowboy bridegroom is everything that the movie fan dreams about.

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## Trade Developments of the Week

Although marked irregularities still prevail in business, as the weeks pass by, decided improvement in many quarters is becoming more noticeable. The last week provided few startling developments, but strengthened the theory that prices are fairly well stabilized and that expanding business is not far off.

Among the week's features were the carpet auction by Alexander Smith and Sons Company, in New York, at which prices were set at from 25 to 30 per cent below those prevailing last November, the naming of new prices on floor coverings for the fall trade at levels from 20 to 25 per cent below November quotations, the announcing of new prices on percales and other cotton goods about on a level with those made at the opening of the year.

In view of the fact that the revision downward in floor coverings set in much later than in other lines of textiles, the new prices cannot be taken as a bearish influence. The good buying by retail merchants at the carpet auction definitely established the fact that merchants are in need of new goods and are willing to buy them at what they consider the proper prices.

Outside of the textile field iron and steel are still uncertain. The automobile industry is showing marked improvement for the time being and lumber is moving more freely than for some months past.

The foreign trade outlook is still uncertain. Business men in general are bringing more pressure to bear on Congress for a revision of the internal revenue laws before the tariff is tackled and the movement to substitute the sales tax for the excess profits and other war-time revenue measures is gaining ground apparently. A closer co-operation between the government and business is foreshadowed in recent statements by members of the Cabinet and business leaders who have been in conference.

The New York wholesale markets were filled with buyers for retail establishments last week. The number of buyers present was larger by 50 percent, according to conservative estimates, than at this time last year.

Their buying, however, was still confined to small lots for immediate delivery, although some future ordering has taken place.

Most of the retailers were in search of bargains with which to run special sales during May. In some lines large surpluses at cheap prices were said to be unavailable.

## Cottons.

"Gingham Week," which many retailers converted into a general cotton goods week, stimulated the movement of cottons at retail but caused little or no flurry in the primary markets.

New prices on percales were made during the week at levels previously established at the opening of the year. The gingham prices recently announced are believed to have had a salutary influence in deciding producers of other fabrics to try to hold prices firm at former levels.

Readjustments of bleached goods prices seem imminent, and some large wholesale distributors have cut prices slightly below prevailing mill quotations.

The gray goods market was lacking in activity most of the week, with prices showing small fluctuations. The standard 64-60, 35½ inch print cloths dropped as low as 6½ cents a yard for Southern goods, but recovered to 6½ cents toward the close of the week.

## Silks.

Interest in silks was confined mostly to the raw silk division of the trade last week. The reopening of the Silk Bourse in Yokohama, at which trading in April and May futures was resumed, showed an advance in prices, but the market was overcurrent.

All the primary raw silk markets showed more firmness last week and prices advanced slightly. The effect on the local market was not great, and users of raw silk are still inclined to make their purchases sparingly.

The goods market continued fairly active. The silk manufacturers are satisfied with the slow progress being made. The conservative policy which has been anything but looks like a new boom and are trying to hold business and prices within safe limits. Present production is estimated at about 70 per cent of normal.

## Woolens.

The position of woolens and worsteds, particularly goods for use next fall, showed continued improvement. Lines that have been late in fall openings are being well taken, according to reports.

The dress goods mills are well sold up and the men's goods mills have sufficient orders to run them until July in most cases. Present production is somewhere in the neighborhood of 75 per cent of capacity, according to mill officials.

Current demand for spring fabrics has sagged off, but this is largely seasonal. The garment manufacturing trades are quiet at present, so far as production is concerned, and the demand for cloth has suffered accordingly.

Raw wool was reported slightly more active, but prices were unchanged.

## Furs.

Interest in the fur trade is centered on the sale of the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation beginning today. The collection offered consists largely of summer furs, for which there is an immediate market, and this, it is believed, will give the sale more action than if a large lot of winter furs were offered at this time.

Credit conditions in the trade are still strained and there is little likelihood of a speculative boom being resumed, such as characterized the winter sale in St. Louis.

Otherwise the fur trade is inactive. The movement of summer furs has dropped slightly, but is expected to be resumed at the end of the month.

Manufacturing furriers are preparing their samples for the next fall season, but active ordering by retailers has not begun and is not expected until July.

## Leather.

A better demand for staple lines of leather and a slight recession in the call for specialties were manifested in the trade last week. This revival in staples, although not of startling significance, is of a steady increasing character, which if continued at the present pace, will place the trade on a normal basis within a few months, in the opinion of leather men.

The further decline in the orders received by manufacturers for specialties has not had any discouraging effect on the trade, since this slackening up after the Easter demand was considered inevitable. There is still an appreciable interest shown in oze calf and suede.

A favorable increase in the volume of orders has also been reported. Retailers of footwear are also enjoying a broader demand as the result of price readjustments.

Some retailers are said to be in need of reasonable goods, due to the increase in prices by consumers. This situation has been brought about by the close pressure of the market, which has been adhered to by retailers. Nominal prices on the more important brands of leather have been maintained although prices in some instances are still subjected to shading.

## Jewelry.

Jewelers last week asserted that there is every evidence that the trade is successfully returning to normalcy. They believed that the time is rapidly approaching when business will once more be done on a same basis.

Wholesalers are said to be ordering more frequently than before. Manufacturers have sent their salesmen on the road with new lines, it is said. Retailers are still somewhat encumbered with stocks and order only in small lots when necessary.